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SUBJECT: NYERERE REVIEWS 1977 IN ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY. AT ANNUAL NEW YEAR CONVOCATION OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS JANUARY 10 PRESIDENT NYERERE SINGLED OUT FORMATION OF CCM, BREAKUP OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, AND RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT EFFORTS AS PRINCIPAL SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF 1977. NYERERE HAD KIND WORDS FOR US POLICIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. NYERERE DESCRIBED MERGER OF TANU AND ASP INTO CCM
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(REVOLUTIONARY PARTY) AS UNDOUBTEDLY THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN TANZANIA IN 1977 (77 DAR ES SALAAM A-52). TANZANIA WAS NOW TRULY A ONE-PARTY STATE. NATIONAL UNITY WAS INCREASING.

3. REGIONAL UNITY, HOWEVER, SUFFERED WITH THE BREAKUP OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. NYERERE SAID THE COLLAPSE OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS WAS THE DEATH BLOW. TANZANIA HAD TRIED TO SAVE

SOME EAC REMNANTS TO "PROVIDE A NUCLEUS FOR NEW COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS AT A MORE FAVORABLE TIME IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, WE FAILED EVEN IN THAT EFFORT. I THINK IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY TO BE HOPEFUL ABOUT THE FUTURE FOR EAST AFRICAN UNITY, AT LEAST AT THE PRESENT TIME."

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID, WAS ALSO A SOURCE OF CONCERN IN 1977. ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAD GIVEN HIM HOPE THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE BUT, "AS TIME PASSES, I BECOME INCREASINGLY WORRIED." HE SAID AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS "IMPOSSIBLE." " IT WOULD NOT SETTLE ANYTHING EXCEPT THE NECESSITY FOR A FIGHT TO THE FINISH." ONLY TRUE INDEPENDENCE WOULD BRING PEACE. "THERE HAS TO BE REAL TRANSFER OF POWER FROM THE MINORITY TO THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. SMITH HAS TO GO. HIS POWER STRUCTURE HAS TO BE DESTROYED. WHETHER THERE WILL BE ELECTIONS OR NOT BEFORE INDEPENDENCE DEPENDS UPON HOW THAT OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR. NOTHING HAS CHANGED." HE PLEDGED TANZANIA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THOSE GENUINELY FIGHTING FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE.

5. NYERERE SAID TANZANIA APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA. "TANZANIA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SUCH MOVES, AND TO HELP SWAPO IN ITS EFFORTS TO END THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA BY SOUTH AFRICA."

6. HE WELCOMED THE UN SOUTH AFRICAN ARMS EMBARGO AS A BEGINNING OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID. HE PRAISED CANADA'S DECISION TO END SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HOPED OTHERS WOULD DO THE SAME. ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES HE SAID "LET ME ADD THAT, ALTHOUGH ACTION HAS NOT YET GONE VERY FAR, THE KUTRIGHT CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID MADE BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ITS LEADERS' CLEAR EXPRESSION OF OBJECTIVES IN THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA, HAVE DENOTED A WELCOME CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY."

7. EMBASSY IS POUCHING COPY OF NYERERE'S SPEECH TO AF/E. END UNCLASSIFIED.

8. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. NYERERE'S SPEECH REFLECTED SOME INCREASED PESSIMISM ABOUT RHODESIA. SHOULD THE INTERNAL OPTION PREVAIL, NYERERE IS NOW CLEARLY ON RECORD THAT TANZANIA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ARMED STRUGGLE UNTIL GENUINE INDEPENDENCE IS ACHIEVED.

9. NYERERE'S SPEECH ALSO REFLECTS HIS CURRENT DISPOSITION TO SAY FAVORABLE THINGS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THIS WAS EXPRESSLY CONFIRMED TO THE INFORMATION

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